

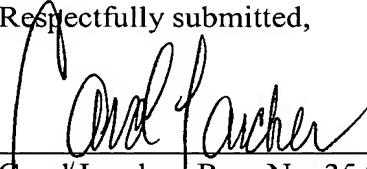
In re Appln. of Tanaka et al.  
Application No. Unassigned  
(U.S. National Phase of PCT/JP2004/018108)

**Remarks**

The specification has been amended to include priority information and to conform the application to U.S. patent practice. Claims 1, 2, 8, 9, 11, 13, 14, 16, and 21-26 have been amended to conform them to U.S. patent practice, claims 15, 19, and 20 have been cancelled without prejudice to reinstate, and new claims 27-33 have been added. The new claims are supported by the claims as originally filed. Therefore, no new matter has been added by these amendments.

The application is considered to be in good and proper form for allowance, and the Examiner is respectfully requested to pass this application to issue. If, in the opinion of the Examiner, a telephone conference would expedite the prosecution of the subject application, the Examiner is invited to call the undersigned attorney.

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